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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JANE NORTON ANNOUNCES AMERICORPS PRE-APPLICATION INFORMATION MEETINGS FOR 2006 FUNDING CYCLE

Workshops to be held in Greeley, Grand Junction, Denver and Colorado Springs

What:

The Governor's Commission on Community Service is hosting AmeriCorps Pre-Application Information meetings in communities throughout Colorado. The statewide information meetings provide an opportunity for agencies and communities to apply for several types of grants available through AmeriCorps. AmeriCorps grant funds are used to launch community service programs designed to address civic and social issues, and improve the overall well being of communities throughout the state, particularly in the areas of literacy and mentoring.

It is recommended that potential applicants review the grant guidelines, **prior to attending the information meetings**, to determine if AmeriCorps grants meet agency or community needs.

Grant guidelines are available on Governor's Commission on Community Service website at <http://www.colorado.gov/gccs/AmeriCorps/index.html>
Grant applications must be submitted by January 4, 2006.

Who:

The Pre-Application Information Meetings are sponsored by AmeriCorps through the Governor's Commission on Community Service. AmeriCorps is a national service program that engages Americans in full or part-time volunteer service. In Colorado, AmeriCorps is administered through the Governor's Commission on Community Service, Office of Lt. Governor Jane Norton.

To date, more than \$20 million in federal funds have passed through the Commission to local organizations that operate AmeriCorps programs, which address critical community needs in the areas of education, environment, human needs, public safety and homeland security.

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When/Where: **Greeley Pre-Application Information Meeting**
Tuesday, October 25, 2005, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Employment Services of Weld County, Conference Room
1551 North 17th Avenue, Greeley, CO

Grand Junction Pre-Application Information Meeting
Thursday, October 27, 2005, 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Mesa County RSVP, US Bank Building,
422 White Avenue (lower level) Grand Junction, CO

Denver Pre-Application Information Meeting
Wednesday, November 2, 2005, 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Colorado Community Colleges Conference Center
9026 East Severn Place, Building 967, Denver

Colorado Springs Pre-Application Information Meeting
Tuesday, November 15, 2005, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Center for Nonprofit Excellence, Pikes Peak United Way Building
518 North Nevada Avenue, Community Room.

The Office of the Lieutenant Governor oversees the Governor's Commission on Community Service, which is guided by an advisory board of 15 commissioners. AmeriCorps is a national service program that engages Americans in full or part-time volunteer service For more information on the Commission or AmeriCorps, please visit the website at www.colorado.gov/gccs. or contact Nancy Brown at (303) 595-1541.

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